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KANSAS CITY YOUNG AUDIENCES NAMES NEW BOARD CHAIR AND THREE NEW BOARD DIRECTORS.

KANSAS CITY, MO. – Kansas City Young Audiences (KCYA) has named Reeves Wiedeman, partner at Helix Architecture + Design, to the position of Board Chairman. Mr. Wiedeman, who has served KCYA as board member since 2000, is replacing outgoing Chair, Guy Townsend of Townsend Communications. Mr. Townsend has been on the board since 1994.

“Mr. Townsend has been a great friend and leader of KCYA and we are pleased that he will continue to serve on the board” said executive director Harlan Brownlee. Brownlee goes on to say that “Reeves brings a new level of excitement and energy to the board, we are confident he will assist us in moving forward.” Mr. Wiedeman will join Kevin Harris, Vice Chairman, Maryanne Roepke, Treasurer, and Anita Maltbia, Secretary as members of the executive committee.

Three new board members were also named to join the 15 member board; they are Robert Lesley of Sonnenschein, Christopher Mounts of KPMG and John Vaughn of DST Systems. Other directors include Lina Dickinson, Cameron Garrison, Pam Gradinger, Lynne Melcher, Rebecca C. Seay, Lynell Stuckey, and Sara Welch. Lennie Berkowitz and Robert P. Lyons are Directors Emeriti.

Kansas City Young Audiences, celebrating its 45th birthday this year, provides educational and artistic programs in Kansas City area schools. KCYA serves more than 200,000 young people annually through its in-school programming, the management of the Arts Partners program, and the Community School of the Arts. The school, located in the Music & Arts building on the campus of St. Teresa’s Academy, provides classes in all artistic disciplines after school, on Saturdays, and throughout the summer. The Community School of the Arts will host a Halloween themed Family Fun Night featuring Kim Ratliff’s hilarious interpretation of *Junie B., BOO...and I MEAN It!* The event will be on Tuesday, October 24th at 6:30pm in the Music and Arts Building on the campus of St. Teresa’s Academy, 5601 Wyandotte, Kansas City, Missouri.

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